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Comment. The present report throws significant light on Soviet intentions, according to which the German question is to be only discussed as an integral part of the Soviet disarmament proposal. It is noteworthy that no mention is to be made of Western reports on the creation of a belt of neutral states along the Iron Curtain. It is probably feared that such reports may have an undesirable effect upon the morale of the East German population.

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